REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Claims 1-10 and 13-18 are pending in this application. Claims 13-18 are new. Independent claims 1, 5-7, 9 and 10 incorporate allowable subject matter of claim 11 and independent claims 13-18 incorporate allowable subject matter of claim 12.

Therefore, Applicant submits independent claims 1, 5-7, 9, 10 and 13-18 are allowable.

The remaining claims are dependent upon an allowed independent claim and are, therefore, allowable.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10 have been amended, thereby obviating the Claim objections.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Claim objections of claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10 in reference to "therebetween". The claims have been amended, thereby rendering the objection moot wherein it is clear that "therebetween" relates to the lack of distance between "said predetermined unit of pictures and the corresponding audio data".

Applicants respectfully submit that "SB", as disclosed in the claims, "includes identification information for identifying the type of the main data, such as audio data, video data, search video data, transport-stream data, and AUX data. The controller 13 sends SB-header data through the terminal 3 as system data" as disclosed in the Specification and Drawings, specifically on pages 14-15 and Figure 8.

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Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the Claim objections.

CONCLUSION

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

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